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SOME FIGHTERS HAVE A K. O. PINCH WHEN THEY NEED IT

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IT HAS BEEN a lot of talk about the possibility of McFarland's being knocked out by Mike Gibbons.

It seems funny that the other side of the argument has been entirely overlooked. Nobody has said anything about the possibility that McFarland may knock out Mike. And yet the whole history of the fight is full of much stranger things that have actually happened.

It isn't at all impossible that McFarland may land a knockout blow. Packey hasn't been known as a "knocker." He usually wins his fight by outpointing his man far enough to prevent any argument when it is all over.

When asked why he doesn't win often with a knockout Packey has a stock reply. He says that he doesn't care to knock his opponent out, and that when he can't please the public by winning in his own way he's perfectly willing to stop boxing.

Judging by McFarland's following in this fight and his setting the larger share of the purse he has pleased the public.

Once when I talked over the K. O. with Packey I said: "If I ever have a chance to fight for a championship I'll try to land a knockout. I'll save my hands for that chance. The only other time I'll ever try to knock my one out to win will come when I feel I'm in danger of being knocked out myself. If that happens I'll hit as hard as I can."

On occasion Packey has wanted to win with a K. O., and when he feels that way about it he usually lands it. Packey was matched to fight Jack Goodman. Packey wanted to oblige a friend who had a slight desire to see Jack take the count.

"I'll knock him out," said Packey. Goodman made a nice fast fight of it, although Packey was far ahead of him in aggression and skill, just as he was far ahead of all the others. In the fifth round Packey went out to finish the fight. He made his opening and shot a snappy right to Goodman's chin. Jack fell at full length and lay flat on his back until he was dragged to his corner at the end of the count.

Packey put Young Ahearn out in much the same way, first outlanding him in skill and then dropping over the right punch. Young Ahearn wasn't as clever or as big as he is now. That was four years ago.

There's a chance that if Mike Gibbons does hurt McFarland he'll start Packey winning. But if he does, Packey is full of aggressiveness, and he won't give up easily. And the history of the ring is full of instances where the supposed light hitter hit like a horse crusher when in danger. Jack Johnson struck only one great blow in all his fights. As a rule he fought deliberately, wearing his men down and taking his chances. But when he fought little Ketchel, middle-weight champion, he met a man whose hitting power he surely underrated.

The fight was in its fifteenth round when Ketchel finally saw the chance he had been waiting for. He suddenly rushed Johnson and landed a terrific blow back of his ear, at the base of the brain. For a few seconds Ketchel was on the verge of duplicating Bob Fitzsimmons' great feat and becoming middle and heavy-weight champion of the world at the same time. Johnson fell like a Goliah. He rolled over on the floor and tried to get up, but he couldn't find his balance. At last, just in time, he managed to clear his head enough to stand up. He was dizzy and reeling when Ketchel came tearing in to finish the job. Then Johnson struck him one great blow. It was a right-hander. It caught the rushing Ketchel fairly on the nose, stopped him short and buried him in the ground. Ketchel was out. He was out for good. Incidentally it knocked out all of his front teeth.

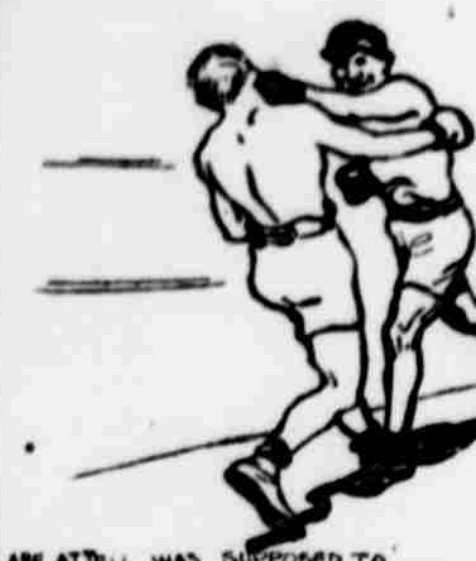
ABE ATTELL furnishes another instance. When Abe began fighting he was a slugger, but becoming a clever boxer he won by the decision route until nobody thought there was a knockout in him. In 1904 Abe Attell was knocked out by Brooklyn Tommy Sullivan. For four years that knockout worried Abe, but at last he induced Sullivan to meet him again.

Abe hadn't been knocking out anyone for an age, but he wanted to knock out Tommy Sullivan, and he did it—in four rounds.

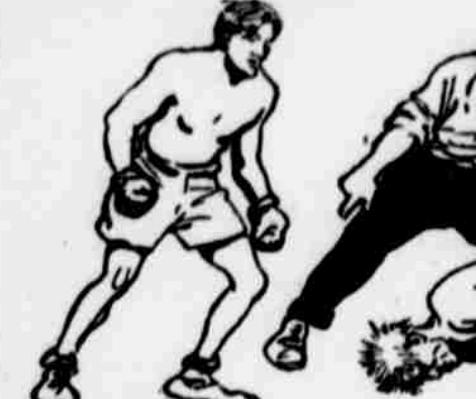
THEN there was the case of Owen Moran—clever, strong, but not regarded as a "hitter." Owen seldom won with a K. O. for the record books.

Owen had his chance when he fought Battling Nelson, who only a short time before had lost the lightweight title to Ad Wolgast. Wolgast had won in the fourth round, when the referee stopped the fight because Nelson, although still on his feet, was evidently beaten.

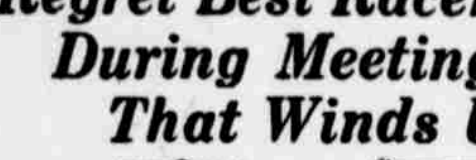
Moran wanted to knock Bat out, so that he could get a fight with Wolgast. He knocked Nelson out, all right, and he's the only man who ever did actually make the Dane stick to the floor long enough for a ten count. There's no reason why McFarland, in certain circumstances, should not be able to do the same.



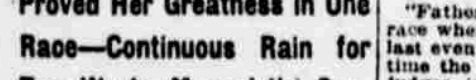
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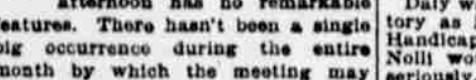
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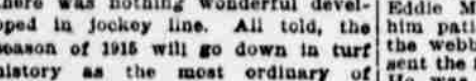
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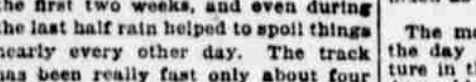
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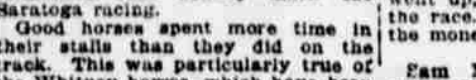
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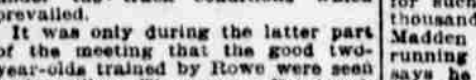
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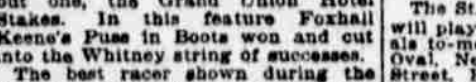
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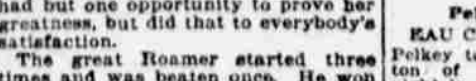
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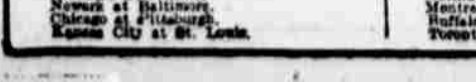
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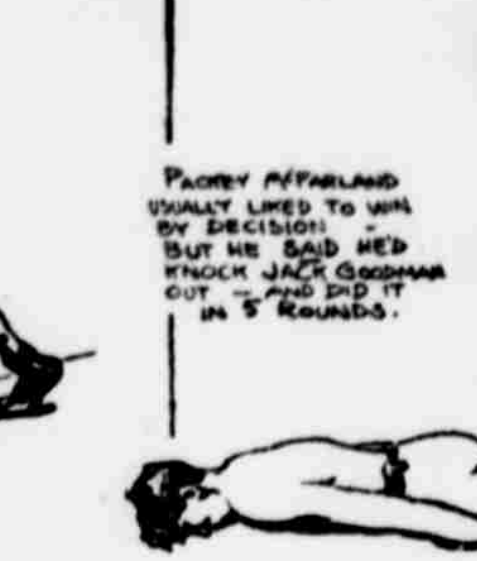
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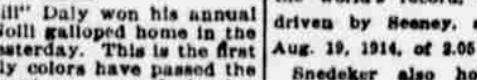
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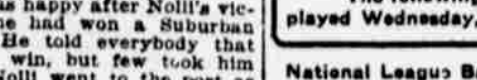
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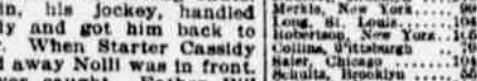
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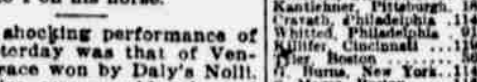
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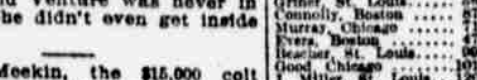
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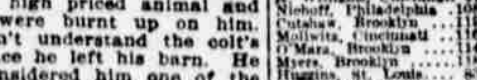
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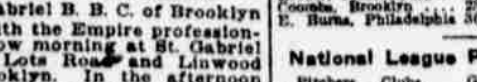
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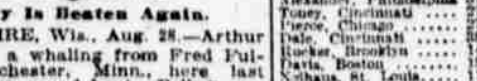
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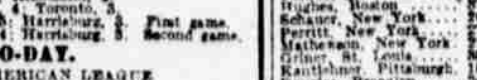
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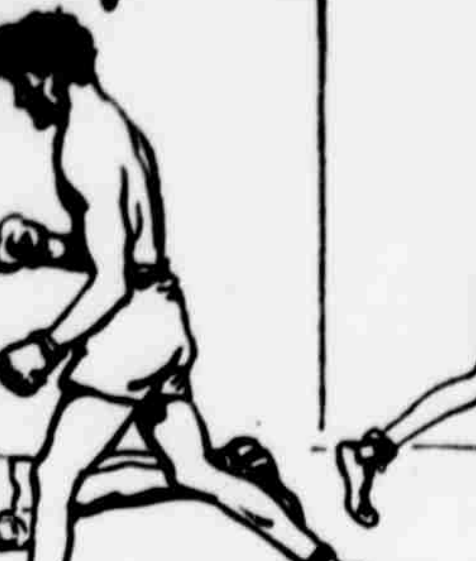
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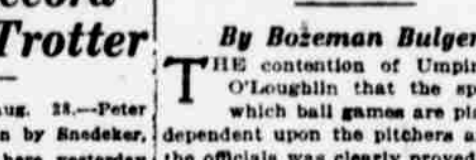
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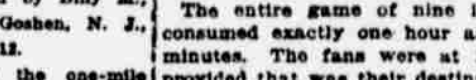
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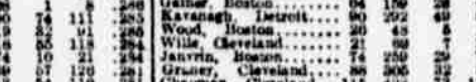
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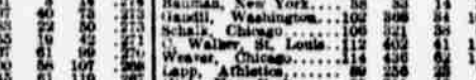
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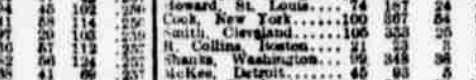
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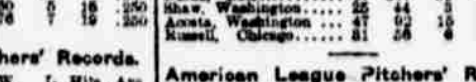
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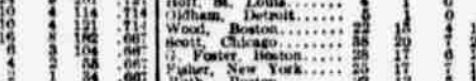
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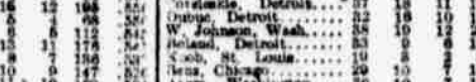
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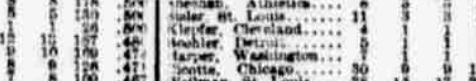
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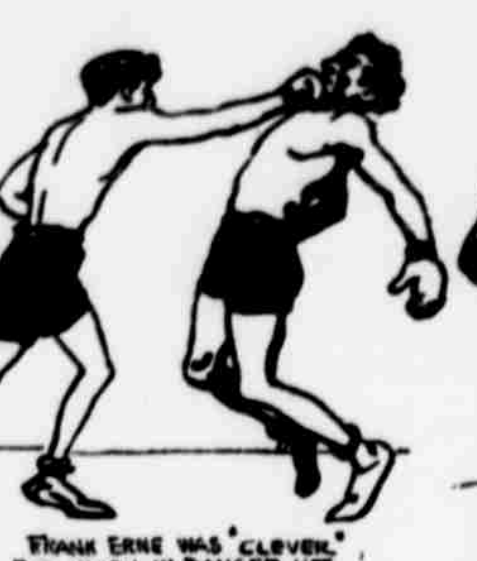
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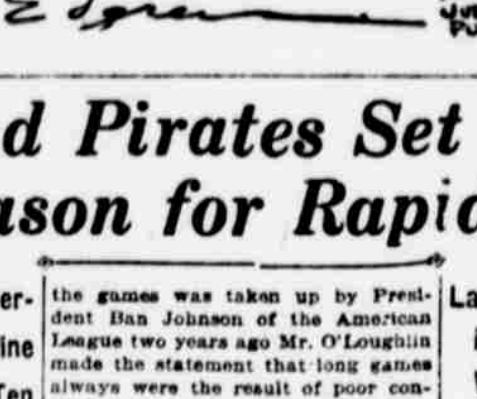
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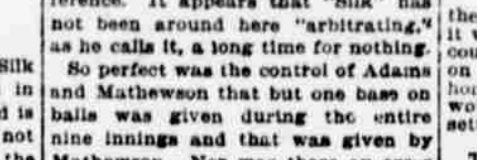
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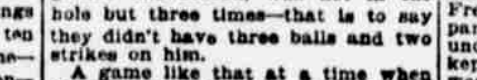
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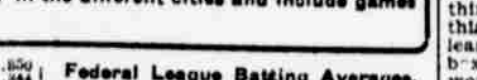
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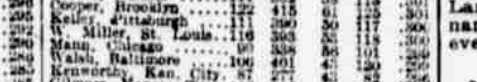
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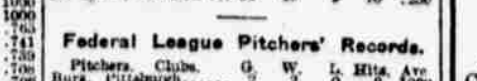
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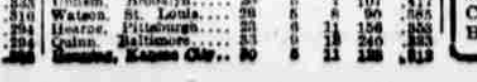
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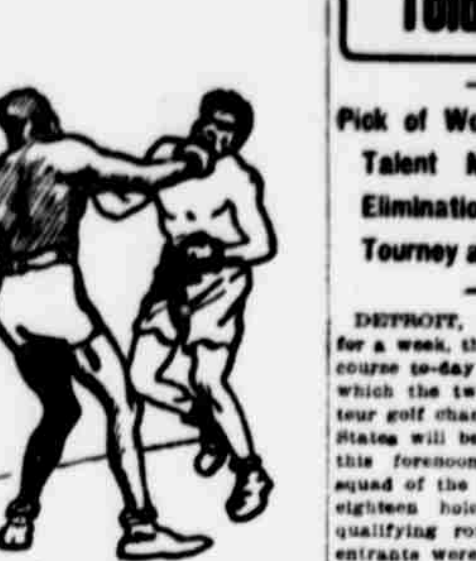
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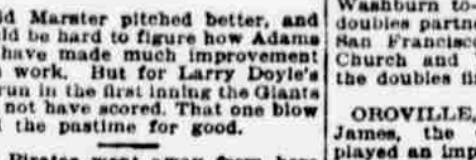
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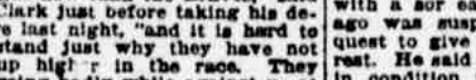
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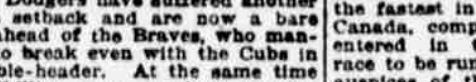
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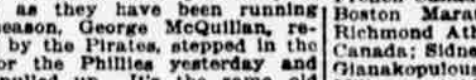
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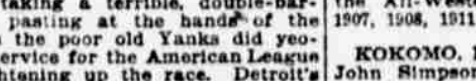
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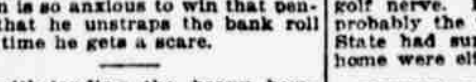
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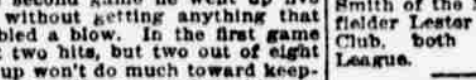
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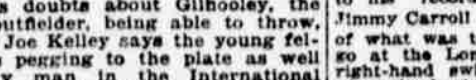
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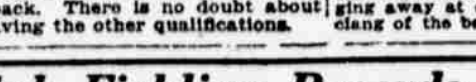
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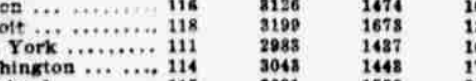
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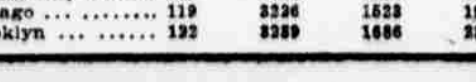
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